

track record of cooperation, and I am hopeful that this relationship will continue.

Of the many challenges for this new country, two of the most pressing are economic growth and the health of the Moldovan people. In an effort to create economic growth in the region, Mr. Kelley established a grain business in Moldova's farm communities. With a purchase of a grain elevator he provided opportunity for many farmers to market their crops. This effort to bolster a local economy will assist in relieving the financial burden many families face in these rural communities.

In an effort to address the pressing health care needs of this nation, Mr. Kelley recently led a group of Fort Wayne area health professionals to Moldova. The team of trained physicians, nurses and health care professionals performed necessary surgeries, administered treatments, delivered medical equipment, supplies and medicines to the Republican Hospital in Chisinau.

I commend Mr. Kelley for his energy and commitment to helping the people of Moldova. His leadership and selfless dedication to helping others have made a difference in this small country.

Good relationships between the United States and former Soviet republics, such as Moldova, enhance the security of the United States. I am pleased to recognize the contributions of a fellow Hoosier in this important effort.●

#### TRIBUTE TO RABBI PHILIP LAZOWSKI

● Mr. LIEBERMAN. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to a man who, for 45 years, has served the Greater Hartford community with honor and distinction. On April 9, 2000 the friends of Beth Hillel Synagogue will mark the retirement of Rabbi Philip Lazowski at a dinner celebration in his honor.

Since accepting the position of Spiritual Leader at Congregation Beth Shalom in 1955, Rabbi Lazowski has helped the families of his congregation find strength through the principles of faith, humility, determination, forgiveness, and service. As the congregation has grown to include hundreds of families and take the name Beth Hillel Synagogue, Rabbi Lazowski has continued to impart his wisdom on these principles with the same energy and enthusiasm that has been his trademark. Through a number of books and interfaith efforts, Rabbi Lazowski has earned a lofty position within the state's distinguished history of spiritual leaders.

A survivor of the Holocaust, Rabbi Lazowski has also left his mark on the countless young people across the region who have heard him speak about his childhood in Poland during World War II. From the town of Belitza to the Dvoretz ghetto to more than a year of hiding in the woods, his story has resonated within the youth of the commu-

nity. With his many talks and presentations on this dark chapter of human history, Rabbi Lazowski has embraced his obligation to history and has proven that the light of truth can dispel all shadow.

For more than a quarter century, Rabbi Lazowski has served as Chaplain for the Hartford Police Department and has recently been named Chaplain for the Connecticut State Senate. His commitment to the spiritual health, not only of his congregation but all of the Greater Hartford area, is truly beyond question. Although he will be retiring from his position as Spiritual Leader of Beth Hillel Synagogue, I have every confidence that he will remain active as leader, educator and friend to the people of Connecticut.

Rabbi Lazowski stands as a shining example of the type of selfless individual that keeps our communities vibrant. It is with great pleasure that I formally extend to him my very best wishes on this special day.●

#### COMMENDING GENE R. "ROCKY" ROCCABRUNA

● Mr. THOMAS. Mr. President, on March 15, 2000, Gene R. "Rocky" Roccabruna retired as Director of the State of Wyoming's Department of Transportation. Mr. Roccabruna stepped down from his position after rendering more than 30 years of outstanding public service. I regret his departure in the sense that it is indeed a loss to both the agency he headed and to the traveling public at large. But at the same time, I wish to extend, on behalf of my state's Congressional delegation, our gratitude for a job well done and our sincerest wishes for a long and happy retirement.

Mr. Roccabruna's retirement represents a milestone in Wyoming highway history as he was the last active Department of Transportation employee whose association with the agency dated back to the beginning of Interstate Highway System in 1956. After starting as an engineer trainee, he earned steady promotions and soon was in charge of multi-million dollar highway construction contracts. Several sections of Interstate 80 were built under his supervision and that road has since become not only Wyoming's busiest highway but a major artery for transcontinental commerce as well.

Mr. Roccabruna left the employ of state government to start his own contracting business but later returned and went on to hold several managerial positions within the Department of Transportation. His reputation grew along with his responsibilities. He became widely recognized for abilities as a good listener and consensus builder. For these and numerous other good reasons, Wyoming Gov. Jim Geringer appointed him in December 1996 to head the Department, which is the largest Wyoming state agency. During the past three-plus years, I, Senator ENZI and Representative CUBIN, and our

staffs, have had numerous opportunities to work with Mr. Roccabruna on many important state and national transportation issues. His advice was particularly valuable when we helped craft the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century, and his contributions will provide benefits well into the future. While I look forward to a continuing good relationship with the Wyoming DOT under its new director, Sleetor C. Dover, I take this opportunity to again say thanks to Mr. Roccabruna for dedicating so much of his time and talents to making transportation more efficient, more enjoyable and safer for Wyoming residents and the entire traveling public.●

#### 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE OSHKOSH SENIORS CENTER

● Mr. KOHL. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the 25th Anniversary of the Oshkosh Seniors Center. Since its beginnings in a single room at the First Presbyterian Church in 1975, the Oshkosh Seniors Center has grown to occupy the present site at 200 North Campbell Road.

Friends of the Oshkosh Seniors Center were crucial to the success of raising \$500,000 of the \$1.2 million needed to build the beautiful facility on Campbell Road. The Friends of the Center, on behalf of the City of Oshkosh, worked unfailingly to realize what has become a first class center for senior citizens. They remain committed to meeting the demands of the continuing growth of the Center. Just as the dedication of the Friends of the Center has remained steadfast, the staff and volunteers of the Oshkosh Seniors Center have never wavered from its stated mission in 1975 "to become a multi-purpose seniors center."

The center meets the social, physical and emotional needs of senior citizens in the Oshkosh community by providing inter-generational, social, recreational, cultural and volunteer opportunities. These goals are supported by more than one hundred programs and activities in arts and crafts, fine arts, continuing education, games and recreation, community services, support groups, health and wellness, and other events. These offerings have been delivered at the center and at several locations in the area to thousands of people during the past year.

It is through the efforts of the center's Director, Sue Kreibich, staff members and countless volunteers who work diligently to make certain the Oshkosh Seniors Center continues to offer opportunities that allows senior citizens of the Oshkosh community to remain active and involved.

The center will observe its twenty-fifth anniversary during the week of April 2nd by announcing the inauguration of the Oshkosh Seniors Center Endowment Fund. This Fund will allow the organization to meet the needs of expansion to accommodate the substantial growth that continues at the

center. It is organizations like the Oshkosh Seniors Center and their friends that make Oshkosh a stronger community.

Congratulations to the Oshkosh Seniors Center on their 25th anniversary.●

#### HONORING THE LATE JOSEPH L. FISHER

● Mr. ROBB. Mr. President, it is my privilege to be a co-sponsor of S. 2234, a bill which recognizes the exceptional service of two former Congressmen from Northern Virginia, Joseph L. Fisher and Joel T. Broyhill, by renaming two area facilities of the United States Postal Service in their honor. I'd like to say a few words about one of the honorees, the late Joseph L. Fisher.

I knew Joe Fisher well. He was a friend, colleague and mentor. Joe epitomized the very best in public service—with his integrity, first-rate intellect, decency and compassion for others.

It was Joe who provided me with my first formal entry into Virginia politics when I hosted a reception for his reelection bid to the Arlington County Board in 1971. He earned the respect of his fellow Arlingtonians with his ten years of service on the Board, including two terms as its Chairman. In championing regional solutions to many of the issues that faced Arlington County, he was ahead of his time. At various points during his tenure on the Board, he represented Arlington as Chairman of both the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority and the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments.

My first time handing out literature at the polls in Virginia on Election Day was for Joe's first successful campaign for Congress in 1974—I remember the experience well because it rained most of the day. We were all proud of Joe's service in the U.S. House of Representatives. He was a recognized leader in Congress on tax, energy and budget issues. Joe was appointed to the Ways and Means Committee in his first term, and he facilitated the work of seven tasks forces in writing the Energy Policy Act of 1978.

In 1982, the year I took the oath as Governor of Virginia and about a year after the end of his service in Congress, I persuaded Joe to join my Cabinet as Virginia's Secretary of Human Resources. As in every other endeavor he undertook during his lifetime, Joe led the Department of Human Resources with distinction. He succeeded in eliminating Virginia's Medicaid deficit which had resulted from recession and cutbacks at the federal level. Joe also left a legacy of improvements in Virginia's prevention efforts in such areas as health, social services, mental health, rehabilitation, job training and independent living. After serving in my Administration, Joe spent the remainder of his professional years as a professor of political economy at George Mason University where he inspired many a student.

However, Joe Fisher's service as a public official only tells part of the story. He served his country in the Pacific during World War II. Joe worked his way through college as a professional boxer and was also a semi-professional basketball player in the Northern New England League. He was a Harvard trained economist and led the Unitarian Universalist Association.

Joe passed away in 1992 from cancer. He left behind his most important legacy—a wonderful family. His wife Peggy, an exceptionally talented individual in her own right and the secret to Joe's success, remains a valued friend to me and my family. Joe is also survived by seven children, sixteen grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

In a sermon he wrote entitled "Endings and Beginnings," Joe referred to "the only immortality we can count on" as "the immortality of the good and worthy life whose influence lives on in the hearts and minds of those whom it touches." Joe Fisher lived this "good and worthy life" and his influence will always live on in those whom he had such an indelible impact.●

#### SECOND COMPANY GOVERNOR'S FOOT GUARD

● Mr. LIEBERMAN. Mr. President, I rise today to honor one of the oldest military organizations in the United States, founded even before our country became a unified nation; the Second Company Governor's Foot Guard of New Haven. Later this week the men and women of the Second Company will celebrate their 225th anniversary which is truly a monumental observance in this first year of the new millennium.

Mr. President, let me share with you the history of the Second Company because it is essentially, the history of the new nation and the colonies that became the United States of America. The first meeting of the yet to be named military organization was during the winter of 1774 and included many men whose names are known to every student who has studied American history; Benedict Arnold, Ethan Allen and Aaron Burr. Later that winter, on March 2, 1775, fifty eight men signed a memorial to form themselves into a military company. At that time, the General Assembly of the Governor and Colony of Connecticut was sitting in New Haven and made this memorial special business. On that same day, recognizing the importance and significance of this memorial, the General Assembly granted a charter to the Second Company Governor's Foot Guard. It didn't take long for the Second Company Governor's Foot Guard to see action when, at the beginning of the American Revolution, under the command of Captain Benedict Arnold, the Second Company answered the Lexington Alarm, seized the stores of gunpowder at the Town of New Haven and marched to the Siege of Boston. The

date was April 22, 1775, and each year the Second Company Governor's Foot Guard performs a colorful reenactment of this event on Powder House Day in New Haven.

Three years later, during the British invasion on July 2, 1779, Captain Hezekiah Sabin and the Second Company Governor's Foot Guard defended New Haven at the bridge over the West River. Time and again our nation has been defended by the Second Company Governor's Foot Guard. In 1861 the Second Company formed a war company which was known as the Company K, Sixth Connecticut Volunteers, left for the front in the Civil War, and fought in twenty six battles and skirmishes before being mustered out in August of 1865.

Since 1775, the Second Company Governor's Foot Guard has been escort to every Governor of the Colony and the State of Connecticut and has served as honor guard to fourteen American Presidents and in our Bicentennial Year, the Queen of England. Mr. President, were it not for the dedicated service of the Second Company, Governor's Foot Guard for the past 225 years, I dare say the history of Connecticut, the Constitution State, as well as the United States of America would be different. Every one of us in this Chamber owes a debt of gratitude to the Second Company, Governor's Foot Guard. As the Second Company celebrates 225 years of service, under the leadership of Major Commandant Peter A. Wasilewski, I rise in humble thanks to the hundreds of men and women who have proudly worn the red coat uniform and to those who will in the future. I ask those in this Chamber to join me in honoring the Second Company Governor's Foot Guard for 225 years of service to the Governor, the General Assembly and the people of the Colony and State of Connecticut.●

#### DIONNE A. COLE NAMED ACHIEVER OF THE MONTH

● Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, in October of 1993, the State of Michigan Family Independence Agency commemorated the first anniversary its landmark welfare reform initiative, To Strengthen Michigan Families, by naming its first Achiever of the Month. In each month since, the award has been given to an individual who participates in the initiative and has shown outstanding progress toward self-sufficiency. I rise today to recognize Ms. Dionne A. Cole, who was the recipient of the award for the month of March, 2000.

Ms. Cole is the single mother of a three-year-old son. She began receiving assistance from the Family Independence Agency in September of 1999. Though at this time she was a single mother with no job experience, through a self-initiated job search Ms. Cole obtained employment as a security guard for Strategic Protection Group that same month. To ease the transition,